Discussion on Transfer of Tinbighas to Bangladesh

78. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of the transfer of Tinbighas to Bangladesh was discussed during the recent dialogue held between the Prime Minister and the Bangladesh President; and

(b) if so, what was the outcome of the discussions?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was conveyed to Bangladesh that the matter is presentil *sub-judice*.

Construction of Three and Four Star Hotels to Promote Tourism

79. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether almost all the leading hoteliers in the country have sent proposals for expansion by constructing three and four star hotels to promote tourism;

(b) whether some foreign hoteliers have also shown interest in setting up of hotels in the country in response to the incentives announced by Government for the hotel industry;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the decision, if any, taken by the Government on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Proposals have been received from some of the Indian hotel chains for expansion by constructing medium rate hotels in the country.

(b) to (d) Foreign hoteliers are not permitted to set up hotels in India on their own but in collaboration with Indian parties.

U.G.C. Fellowships to Teachers

80. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has received proposals for awarding fellowships for further study to three teachers of Elphinstone College, Bombay;

(b) if so, when these proposals were received and what is the nature thereof; and

(c) the decision of the University Grants Commission, thereon, if any, to date, and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The Elphinstone College, Bombay had sought assistance from the UGC for the award of teacher fellowships to two of its teachers under the Scheme of basic assistance to Colleges in the VII Plan. The Commission had also received an application from a teacher of the College for a direct award under the Scheme of Fellowship to SC|ST teachers.

(b) and (c) The proposal for fellowships under basic assistance was received on 14-10-1988 and approval was conveyed on 26-10-1988. The application for the direct award which was received on 2-7-1988 was incomplete and therefore returned to the college on 6-9-1988.

Central Assistance for Repair of Roads in Andhra Pradesh

81. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has sought central assistance of Rs. 44 crore for carrying out repair work of roads, which were badly damaged due to the recent heavy rains; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the damage and names of the Districts which suffered damage and what is the response